

of time and all of a sudden it becomes imperative that we save these few minutes, these few hours while we pass what may be terrible legislation. My motion is one for enlightenment, not to slow down, but to speed up so that we will know what we are doing. I move that you bracket this bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is shall we bracket this bill. Record your vote. Have you voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 22 nays on the bracket motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. What else do you have?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Nichol now moves to amend: Add a new section to the bill which would effectively insert LB 803 into LB 922.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, actually what this does, Senator Cullan has a bill numbered 803 which would be coming up shortly anyway and it should be a part of this 922 so that many of us will be in agreement, I suppose is the way to say it. We hope we will be in agreement. The pages are passing out pamphlets now and what this does actually, it will change the formula for the distribution of funds to the state's six technical colleges, community colleges. The proposed change would increase the full time equivalent student enrollment by twenty percent for those colleges which are located in areas with less than seven citizens per square mile. You will recall that last year usually when we send out state aid to education schools, we put in a sparsity factor and this is somewhat along the same line. Senator Cullan I think has some additional comments to make on this at this time and if there are questions you may ask him or me or Senator Lewis or anybody that you would like, but this probably should go along with this bill. As I understand it, there has been a lot of groundwork done among the various community and technical colleges and I believe that they are still all in agreement that this is a reasonable way to distribute the funds. Senator Cullan, did you have something further that you wished to state or bring out on this?

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator Nichol, that is correct. The Council of Presidents of the Technical Community College System, the Association of Trustees statewide have endorsed the concept contained in LB 803 and this is the one thing in the technical community college system that there seems to be some agreement on and I think this is a good amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Lewis, would you care to comment on this on my time?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you, Senator Nichol. The issue is this that there is a problem at Western and because of the sparsity of problems and because of assessed valuation problems and to resolve that problem, we have taken some of the language we have used in state aid bills before. It is kind of an equalization plan. There is no question about it we lose a little money in other places but what's fair is fair and those people need to help and so I certainly support it and the committee supported the concept when it was voted out of committee.